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Dear Mackey:

I have received your letter, and am hastening to answer it so you will know what is what.

First of all, about the money, in view of world conditions we do not really know just now what to expect where the baseball is concerned. I believe we will be able to play, but just what to expect in the way of night baseball, and other things no one can say right now.

I will have to gamble the money to send the team to camp, and purchase some equipment, but I cannot take the chance of gambling any salary advances. No one should really expect me to.

When you wrote your letter Japan had not fired on us, and we had not declared war on Japan. Of course this makes a big difference in everything. None of us are terribly surprised at the turn of events, but when it actually happens we have to get a more serious slant on things.

Of course in view of all these things, I would not think of having you bring any players all the way from California. In fact I think if we can get started we will have all the men back from Mexico. None of them seem to want to return there. I guess the war has something to do with that too.

I hope you are feeling well. If you do decide to come east soon I will be glad to see you.

Very Truly Yours